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Dear Josh:

My apologies for not responding sooner to your letter of 26 April: the usual chores here have been compounded by some personal problems. As you know, I did look into the discount on Science in Space and sent a memo to all the authors.

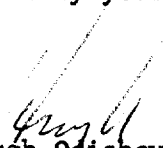
As to the position paper on man's role in space: Lloyd Berkner and I felt that the theme, "Man Is in Space Now," might better be developed independently, working with Webb. Perhaps this was a mistake, but Lloyd and I will be talking with Webb this week or next week.

As to Florence, I trust that by now Joel Orlen has gotten you the tentative minutes. The symposium went well; and the business meetings of the Committee were harmonious. There is a good deal of follow-up to do if we are to capitalize upon the Florence meeting. I do not, however, feel that you erred in being absent -- simply because, as you know, biology was not an active topic and no Soviet biologists were present. I am asking Joel Orlen to look into your query about Florkin's letter and the Russians, and either he or I will drop you a letter soon on this.

I am glad that you feel rather happy about Science in Space and appreciate very much your kind remarks.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Hugh Odishaw
Executive Director

cc: Joel Orlen